Application No.: 10/578,730 Reply to Office Action of April 4, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated April 4, 2008, in which the Examiner objected to the drawings; rejected claims 1-14 under § 112, second paragraph; and indicated that claims 1-14 would be allowable if re-written to overcome the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments place the case in condition for allowance.

Objection to the drawings

Applicants submit herewith a Replacement Sheet on which a layer of cement has been shown in Figures 1A and 1B and labeled with the reference numeral 7, which corresponds to the text of the specification as originally filed.

Rejection under § 112, second paragraph

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. In addition, the word "that" has been amended from the same portion of claim 1. Applicants submit that both amendments improve the grammar of the claim without altering its scope.

Conclusion

Applicants have addressed each ground for objection and rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and distinguishable over the art of record. Applicants therefore request that the amendments be entered and the application be allowed. In the event the Examiner has any questions or there are any issues with respect to the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number below prior to the issuance of any written action.

Respectfully submitted,
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